Leaders challenge policy with signs

Hail presidents distributed these signs to students in residence halls and encouraged students to hang the signs up in response to the new alcohol policy.

By HELENA PAYNE
New Editor

Student government's executive cabinet sponsored the publication of thousands of signs challenging the Notre Dame administration's decision to end in-hall dances, better known as "SYRs." The signs, which read, "We need a voice," and "Save the SYR," were distributed to the Hall President's Council on Tuesday night as a protest of the new alcohol policy.

"The real frustration of executive cabinet was about students having a voice in these decisions," said senior class president Peter Rossman. "It could be any big decision, not just alcohol.

Moscona, who will be a resident assistant in Stanford Hall next year, said the end of SYR dances will be detrimental to the Notre Dame residence hall life. The SYR, which stands for 'Screw Your Roommate,' is a casual to semi-formal dance in the dorm, usually with themes like 'O' Neil Hall's Marti Gras or I-eyes Hall's Luau. The original concept of the SYR was that students would get dates for their roommates, hence the expression, but now it varies depending on the dorm and the individual.

"The SYR is a major part of Notre Dame tradition and it's a huge part of the residential community," he said. "We're asking our students to put them in their windows and in their doors," said Student Body Vice President Brian Moscona.

Members of the executive cabinet said they were disappointed that the administration did not seek more of their input before making the new alcohol policy.

Lehrer blasted entertainment news influence

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," admonished modern media for the increasing influence of cable news networks and sensationalism during his speech Tuesday at this year's Red Smith Lecture in Journalism at the Henshaw Library Auditorium.

Although cable news networks such as CNN, MSNBC and Fox News have relatively small audiences compared to the local networks, Lehrer said "People engaged in the practice of journalism are watching works such as CNN, MSNBC and Fox News have relatively small audiences compared to the major networks...

A total of $2,335 dollars was stolen on March 11 from the purses of about 30 Saint Mary's students while they were out with their SMC choir in Redmond, WA., according to a King County police report.

The Saint Mary's choir toured the Pacific Northwest, giving performances at area churches as part of their spring break tour. The money was stolen during the first half of their concert at Washington Cathedral, between 7 and 7:45 p.m.

The thieves stole cash only from the women's purses, which were unattended in an upper room of the church.

"I believe that there is a positive story to tell about our students," said Nancy Menk, chair of the Saint Mary's Department of Music noticed the money was missing when the choir went back to the dressing room at intermission.

Karen Webb Wasserman, an 81-year-old Saint Mary's alumna, was present at the performance and happened to overhear Menk give news of the theft to two choir members while she was purchasing a CD.

There was a short delay but just a few minutes later the choir ushered back in and took the stage, several of them wiping away their tears as they walked, said Wasserman. Without a word about the incident, they began the performance of "Ain't Got Nothin' Better to Do." The audience gave them a standing ovation for their superb performance.

A church leader asked that a special collection be taken up after the performance to help reimburse the loss. The collection amounted to more than the stolen money.

"I was able to reimburse each student for her loss the following morning, and the rest of the tour continued without any problems," said Menk. "We made sure our belongings were locked up while we were singing, however.

According to Menk, the choir plans to return the ticket proceeds from the Washington Cathedral to put toward their mission in Guatemala.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Are you called?

As the end of the school year approaches and graduation looms overhead, those of us who are seniors have to look at where we stand and whether we will be in the next couple months. This is a time that will get us ready for the rest of our lives. It is during this time that we get ready to leave our haven at Notre Dame and prepare to take on the world.

In this time of decisions, we must be willing to look at every option, explore every possibility, and jump at every chance we have to make sure that we don’t accidentally miss something really important.

We must also make sure we don’t walk past our vocations.

Did she just say what we all just thought she said? Did she say vocation? I don’t want a vocation. I just want to get a good job. I just want to help people through service. I just want to live out my dream.

For one thing, everyone is called to a vocation. A vocation is a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action, or the work in which a person is regularly employed. That job that you always wanted as a child. That job you’ve always worked toward as a programmer with Microsoft could be your vocation. Teaching children could be your vocation. You could be called to a religious vocation. Your vocation could be documenting the way things work. So you start volunteering at the right place at the right time. Some people take a little persuasion from fate by being in the right place at the right time.

Likewise, don’t limit what you allow yourself to do. There are so many ways for people to find their vocations. Some people know that they can make a rational choice to be a football player, a priest, a teacher, or a lawyer. Others take a vocation from fate by being in the right place at the right time. Some people go through their entire lives without four or more occupations (or companies) before they find what they really want to do, or what they need to do.

So, if you are seniors out there, good luck in finding your vocation. Be open to the spectrum of opportunities that is open to you. Listen. Are you being called?

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK**

**Wednesday**

- Town Hall meeting: Student government - sponsored discussion about proposed alcohol policy, Stonevenge, 5 p.m.

**Thursday**

- Lecture: "Philosophy and the Common Good," Ralph Hancock, Debatorto Hall, room 214, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday**

- Theatre: "Learned Ladies," by Moliere, Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall, Saint Mary’s College.

**Saturday**


**BEYOND CAMPUS**

Virginia student’s death raises depression issues

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. - The death of junior Aaron John Fox in his father’s home over spring break has brought the issue of suicide among college students to the forefront of the University community.

The details of Fox’s death had not been released as of Monday, but it has been identified as suicide.

The Office of the Dean of Students "received word from his father, saying he was comfortable with you for knowing the manner of his [Aaron's] death," Dean of Students Penny Rue said.

A memorial service for Fox was held Friday in Fairfax, Va., at Ave Funeral Home.

Individuals wishing to offer condolences to Fox’s family may contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 924-7133.

Although this suicide is the first in the University community in the past two years, suicide is a serious issue in the college community nationally. According to the American Federation for the Prevention of Suicide, suicide is the second-leading cause of death among American college students, trailing only traffic accidents.

Since 1950, the suicide rate among college-age women has more than doubled, and the rate among college-age men has tripled.

While some individuals do not show any signs they are contemplating suicide, giving some warning signals in a "cry for help." Depressed individuals are most susceptible to suicide. More than 95 percent of all suicide victims were depressed before death.

"They may say something like, 'Everything would be better off. I don't want a job. I just want to help people through service. I just want to live out my dream.'"

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Student suicide opposes privacy

LOS ANGELES - A negligence lawsuit involving student and parent rights has sparked a national debate on where confidentiality lines should be drawn, but University of Southern California will continue to follow federal law when dealing with student privacy.

USC strictly follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act when it comes to disclosing information, said Ken Taylor, director of the Office of Residential and Greek Life. The act prevents colleges and universities from disclosing any personal information about students. "We judge everything on a case-by-case basis," Taylor said. "We follow federal law. The criteria for disclosing any student information is as the law dictates." The only exception is if the situation is a life-threatening emergency - a situation the parents of Elizabeth Shin, a sophomore who committed suicide on campus, believe she was facing.

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

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**NATIONAL WEATHER**

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 20
OIT adds bandwidth, monitors use of file-sharing sites

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The increase of file-sharing on web sites like Audiogalaxy.com has prompted the Office of Information Technologies to adopt new ways to control network traffic. OIT's two main solutions currently are to provide more bandwidth for users of ResNet by renting a second Internet service provider (ISP) and to cap the amount of network bandwidth available to an individual user.

"The growth of demand for network bandwidth and the growth in utilization of the network participation by students in the residence halls has exceeded our ability to deliver," said Gordon Wishon, chief information officer.

Before the mid-semester break, OIT had the limited bandwidth of 20 megabytes per second for the entire campus network with the Genuity, a national company. However, OIT has doubled the campus bandwidth through Granitel, a local ISP that "provides good, reliable, redundant access to the Internet," Wishon said.

OIT has been planning this change for the last six months, but many of the final steps took place during the break.

"The added bandwidth means you won't be competing with the rest of campus for bandwidth," said manager of OIT network engineering Tom Klimek, "I think you'll notice a performance boost."

However, with this rise in network performance, OIT staff said they would continue to monitor the network space that students use for non-academic activities, like downloading from file-sharing Web sites.

"OIT is not blocking any of those applications," said Wishon. "We are, however, capping their utilization during periods of high network activity to give preference to educational activity."

Klimek said he and other OIT employees had noticed that more students were using bandwidth on sites such as Audiogalaxy.com and Gnutella.com, which are most often used to download music in the form of MP3 files.

Also, called peer-to-peer protocols, MP3 file-sharing Web sites can clog the Internet and slow down the speed of browsers or other online activity for network users.

"At one point, all the traffic with the peer-to-peer protocols used for downloading files off the Internet substantially increased the demands for Internet bandwidth," said Klimek. "It impacted the network's performance for the entire campus. It made it difficult to browse the Internet to do any work."

In order to reduce the network congestion, OIT has engaged in a task called "packet shaping," which allows the OIT staff to control the Internet traffic for a particular protocol.

"Shaping is a way of allocating bandwidth," said Klimek. "That means you can define a half a megabyte per second for a specific purpose."

In the case of protocols like the popular file-sharing site Audiogalaxy, Klimek said OIT has designated exactly one-half a megabyte per second to that site for the entire campus.

"It's a trade-off," said Klimek. "We're giving you faster browsing and slower downloading performance."

Through "shaping," Klimek and Wishon said OIT hopes to make browsing the Internet quicker and monitor the excessive use of certain protocols.

So far, the following sites have been shaped: Amster, Audiogalaxy, Directconnect, Gnutella, Imesh, Kazaa, Napster, and EDonkey2000.

"We allocated a certain amount of bandwidth to each protocol," Klimek said. Although rumors had circulated before the mid-semester break that Audiogalaxy had been blocked, or "firewalled," Klimek and Wishon said that was not the case.

"There is no firewall in place at the university," Wishon said. "OIT is not blocking access to Audiogalaxy or any other file-sharing or peer networking protocols or servers."

OIT has been packet shaping since the last academic year when the heightened use of Napster became an issue on campus as well as at other institutions.

Wishon said, although all incoming students learn about rules regarding the use of the network, they need to respect those rules. The OIT web site, www.nd.edu/~ndoit, contains a responsible use policy under the link titled "Getting Started with IT."

"We provide access to the network principally to support the educational objectives of the university and that will always be our first priority," Wishon said.

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Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College proudly announces its Sixth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants

GALA-ND/SMC is now accepting applications for the Sixth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants. Two $2,000.00 grants will be presented to students of Notre Dame and/ or Saint Mary's College to honor leadership and to support the students' participation in a six- to eight-week summer service project benefiting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Projects at agencies providing services to individuals with HIV/AIDS or agencies providing services to gay and lesbian youth are encouraged.

The deadline for applications is April 4, 2002. Grant applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame, the SURV Office at Saint Mary's, or by e-mail request from: GALANDSMC@aol.com. Names of grant recipients will be kept confidential pending their consent.

Past winners have included students from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Grant winners have performed a variety of summer service projects including: the AIDS Project Los Angeles; the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in Boston; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston; Better Existence with HIV in the Chicago area; AIDS Referral & Information Services in San Jose, Ca; performing civil rights research in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa; and archiving a collection of lesbian newspapers from a collection held at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

It is anticipated that the grants will be conferred at the OUTreachND April Follies by representatives of GALA-ND/SMC in South Bend/ Mishawaka.
All-campus meeting gets green light

By JASON MCFARLEY
News Writer

A day after announcing major changes to the University alcohol policy, student life officials cleared a rushed initiative Tuesday by student leaders opposed to the revisions.

Norton, vice president for Residence Life, signed off on a student government plan to host a campus-wide meeting today on the Fieldhouse Mall. Organizers planned the 5 p.m. meeting to raise concerns about the alcohol policy changes and other University decisions. Student Body President Brooke Norton said, "We wanted to show that as students we are a strong community and are a voice for changes on this campus." Norton said. The action comes just two days after Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Priest revealed the three policy changes: the outlaw of "hard alcohol" in undergraduate residence halls, the ban on in-hall dances, and the revision of tailgating rules to allow 21-year-old students to host parties in designated parking lots before home football games.

University officials will likely formally approve the changes this summer and enact them in the fall.

Not long after, University officials for not working closely with students to rewrite the policy, Norton said, "We weren't able to be a part of this before Monday," she said. "We needed to do something to show that we are concerned and want to get students involved."

Norton expected that several student leaders, including her, would make brief comments at the meeting but use the event mainly as a forum for students to ask questions and relay concerns.

The measure already has the backing of Norton. Norton said, of the Hall Presidents Council, of the Student Body President staff, of the Executive Cabinet and students unaffiliated with campus government.

Norton spoke Tuesday at the HPC meeting, where her appeal for support was well-received, according to HPC co-chair Bob LeBlanc. "A lot of members were receptive and wanted to see that the administration knows the positive, community-building experience that the change hurts," LeBlanc said, noting that most HPC representatives took particular issue with the announced ban on in-hall dances.

LeBlanc, the Carroll Hall president, will be off campus today and wasn't sure if he could attend the meeting, but several hall presidents are expected to speak. Norton said they would talk the policy changes meaning the end of their residence halls marquee dances and events.

Student Body President-elect Libby Berrigan also will speak. Berrigan and Student Body President-elect Trip Foley take office April 1.

Bishop said the meeting comes at a critical time when students have a lot of questions and worries. Organizers will field questions on stage at the meeting, and designated people with notepads will be available to write down questions and deliver them to student leaders for answers later. "We want students to feel like we're listening," Bishop said.

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Peace conference begins Friday

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

Nearly 50 students from Notre Dame and other universities will be presenting at the 2002 Undergraduate Peace Conference at the Hesburgh Center this weekend.

This year's conference titled, "Be the Change," will feature seminars, lectures, artistic performances and exhibits on how to strive for peace.

Colman McCarthy, a syndicated columnist and editorial page writer for the Washington Post, will give the keynote address at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. McCarthy teaches at Georgetown University and is the founder of the Center for Teaching Peace, a nonprofit organization that promotes education in nonviolence and peacemaking.

The conference will continue with panel presentations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. A roundtable discussion with University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will take place from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday in Room C-103. The conference will end with dance and music concerts.

Toni Boyd, conference coordinator, sees this conference as a way for students to be "the change you want to see in the world." Boyd was a member of a group of students that met to discuss how they could be a voice for peace in the recent aftermath of September 11th.

"After September 11th, I think many people wanted to do something but were completely overwhelmed by the magnitude and complexity of the issues involved," Boyd said.

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World News Briefs

Romanians seize illegal horses: Authorities in Bucharest halted dozens of horses and carts and escorted them to a city pound Tuesday, fining their owners to enforce a year-old ban on illegal equestrian traffic in the Romanian capital. Horses pulling carts of scrap metal to sell to recycling companies are a common sight on Bucharest's overcrowded streets.

Aussie hostel arsonist gets life: Robert Paul Long, a 38-year-old drifter, received a life sentence Monday from the Brisbane Supreme Court for the murder of two backpackers who died in the Palace Backpackers Hotel fire in June 2000. Long also got 15 years for arson at his sentencing Monday. Officials called the fire the worst in Queensland state history.

National News Briefs

Man held after bodies found: Patrick Daniel, 31, of Ann Arbor, Michigan was arrested Tuesday in Utah after his silver patrol stopped Daniel last week and found the frozen, disembodied body of a woman and the body of a man with a noose around his neck. The man, Robert Bilton Jr., 35, of Dearborn was strangled and had head injuries. Troopers said they pulled Daniel over because his Missouri-registered car did not have a front license plate as required.

One-armed golfer's limb stolen: Larry Alford, the "One-Armed Bandit," was scheduled for Tuesday. Dennison was reported the $15,000 custom-made golfing arm he uses for charity matches stolen early Saturday. The limb was in his sport utility vehicle, also stolen from Spring, Texas. No arrests have been made. Alford, 28, was a promising amateur golfer before losing his arm below the elbow 10 years ago in a car wreck.

India News Briefs

Two arrested after body found: Police arrested Timothy Dennison, 40, on murder charges and his girlfriend, Patricia Stahl, on charges of assisting a criminal, after the body of Bradley Swabb, 26, was found Tuesday. Swabb's 3-year-old brother was walking his child to school. Stahl told police that Dennison shot Swabb with a gun in her trailer. An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday. Dennison was being held without bond in the Delaware County Jail. Stahl was released after posting bond. Swabb, who visited Stahl, believed Dennison was angry at him.

Pakistan

Musharraf fires Islamabad police

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

Islamabad's police chief and four other senior police officials were fired Tuesday after a deadly grenade attack on a Protestant church frequented by foreigners.

The shake-up came as police said they would send the United States DNA samples from the body of a man they suspect carried out the attack that killed five people, including two Americans, and injured 40.

The government announced the dismissal of Islamabad's police chief and four other top police officials in the capital.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but investigators focused on Islamic extremists who were outraged by Musharraf's support for the United States in its war on terrorism.

Attacks linked to Muslim militants have surged throughout Pakistan since Musharraf banned five Islamic extremist groups in January.

The Pakistani newspaper Dawn said Tuesday that the "subject failure" of law enforcement agencies to counter the militant threat "belied the sincerity of Musharraf's crackdown into question.

Another newspaper, The Nation, reported that police were investigating whether the attacker was linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist network.

A senior Interior Ministry official said authorities believe the church was attacked because of the large number of Americans and other foreigners in the congregation.

However, he said investigators are also looking into the possibility that Christians — regardless of nationality — were the targets.

Market Watch March 19

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World's oldest person dies at 115

Associated Press

COLDWATER, Mich. Maud Farris-Luse, recognized last year by the Guinness World Records book as the world's oldest living person, has died. She was 115.

She died Monday from complications of pneumonia at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Michigan. She had been in the hospital since Sunday night, said Kyle Fassett, administrator of the Laurels of Coldwater, the nursing home where Farris-Luse lived.

"It was her time," said great-granddaughter Laurie Ferris, 32. "She lived a long time and now she's in a better place. She passed away very, very peacefully.

Last June, Guinness editors recognized Ferris-Luse as the oldest living person whose age could be verified. Though her birth certificate was lost over the years, the editors authenticated her age through other documents, including U.S. Census Bureau records and her 1903 marriage license. According to records, she was 115 years and 56 days old.

Described as a sharp and fiercely independent woman, Ferris-Luse lived alone and cared for herself until she broke her hip in 1991 and moved to the Laurels nursing home.

She remained mentally alert until about five years ago. By her birthday in January, relatives said she could not see or hear them or understand what was happening, but still seemed to enjoy visitors.

"She was just a wonderful woman, loved her family, always happy," said Ferris.

Farris-Luse was born Jan. 21, 1887 near Grand Rapids. She outlived two husbands and all but one of her seven children.
Hall presidents distributed these signs to students in residence halls and encouraged students to hang the signs up in response to the new alcohol policy.

Alcohol

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sible different solution than just completely banning SYRs,” said O’Connor.

A resident of Pasquerilla West Hall, O’Connor said her friends enjoy SYRs for the convenience of dancing and entertaining their dates in the dorm.

“I believe that there is a possible different solution than just completely banning SYRs.”

Amy O’Connor
junior

Moscona said students could bring the sign, which were printed by Adworks and approved by Student Activities, to the town hall meeting.

“The major thing that we’re going to challenge is the process through which the administration decided to change the alcohol policy,” said Moscona. “Students need to have more input when major decisions like these are being made.”

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Recur the Observer.

Undergraduate members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community are invited to apply for membership on the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Applications are now available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building) or on the Standing Committee web site:

http://www.nd.edu/~scglsn/applications.htm

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2002, and can be submitted at the Office of Student Affairs.

Please visit our web site for more information.

Jury mulling over evidence in dog attack

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The dog-mauling trial that began with a defense attorney crawling on the courtroom floor during her opening statement neared its end with a judge threatening to lock her up if she didn't sit down and keep quiet.

Jurors began deliberating the case on Tuesday following a stormy closing rebuttal by the prosecution during which Nedra Ruiz was rebuked for her interruption.

"Take your seat now and do not get up again or your next objection will be made from the holding cell behind you," Superior Court Judge James Warren warned.

Ruiz represents Marjorie Knoller, who is charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and owning a mischievous dog that killed a person. She was walking her two huge presa canario dogs when they mauled neighbor Diane Whipple to death in January of 2000.

Knoller, 46, could get 15 years to life in prison if convicted. Her 60-year-old husband, Robert Noel, faces involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog that killed a person and could get up to four years.

Ruiz had tried to argue that prosecutor Jim Hammer was misinterpreting a piece of evidence when the courtroom fireworks erupted. The judge said Hammer was entitled to give his own interpretation.

Warren had also rebuked Ruiz at the beginning of the trial for crawling on the floor during her opening statement.

Hammer told the jury it was clear the defendants ignored repeated warnings that their dogs, Bane and Hera, were dangerous.

He also criticized Ruiz for accusing Whipple's domestic partner, Sharon Smith, of lying on the witness stand when she said Whipple had been bitten by one of the dogs before and was afraid of them.

Hammer declined to respond to another of Ruiz's statements during her closing argument on Monday, that the prosecution was trying to curry favor with the San Francisco homosexual community by bringing the case. Whipple was gay.

The case was moved to San Francisco because of pretrial publicity.

College of Arts and Letters
University of Notre Dame

Invites Nominations for the Father Sheedy Award

Each year, the Sheedy Award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, honors one member of the Arts and Letters faculty for outstanding teaching.

Both students and faculty are invited to submit nominations for this year's award. Please send your letter indicating what is special or significant about this instructor to:

Greg Dowd, Associate Dean
101 O'Shaughnessy Hall

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By Friday, March 22, 2002
Students voice opposition to new alcohol policy

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Between classes, on the quad, in the dining hall, and at LaFortune, the topic of discussion for many students yesterday was the proposed changes suggested by Father Mark Poorman to the University’s alcohol policy.

Students expressed surprise and irritation at these changes that will affect in-hall dances, tailgating regulations and hard alcohol consumption.

"People will drink regardless. I don’t understand how they will find out who is drinking hard liquor," said off-campus senior Eileen Lewis. "Moving off campus is becoming more popular and for people who are on the brink this could push them. I also think that moving the dances is ridiculous and by doing so they are taking away something that is a tradition and a poor decision."

Many students are concerned with the effect that these proposed changes would have on dorm life. Notre Dame prides itself on its strong residential life program.

"It really disrupts the whole concept of residential life that Notre Dame advocates," said junior Miguel Vieyra. "Since we were freshmen they talked about moving students off campus. There were freshmen they talked about something that is a tradition and posed changes would have on dorm life."

Dorm Life is already struggling," said sophomore Martin Lehrer, "People are unhappy with the rules and this will lead to students wanting to move earlier."

With an increasing amount of rising juniors and seniors discussing the possibility of moving off campus, the composition of the halls could change.

According to sophomore Ewing Brinkman, an resident assistant that she spoke with was concerned with how the atmosphere of the dorm would change because unique personalties would be absent. This new policy would almost certainly increase the number of students moving off campus.

Lene Ewing, an RA at Sorin Hall, expressed concern about the new role that RAs will have to assume next year. Ewing believes an RA has the role of being a friend but also a facilitator to ensure there is a certain level of responsibility.

"It will turn the role of the RA into a policeman," said Ewing. "A person will be less likely to approach you with problems if you are constantly breathing down his back."

Senior Jed Dooley said that the dorm would stay on a provincial atmosphere.

Father Poorman said in his letter, "Hall staffs will spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy addressing behavior related to alcohol."

Ewing countered by saying that hall staffs will still have to deal with the alcohol issue in a different way.

According to Brinkman, future RAs commented to her that they would not be overly fervent in enforcing alcohol policy should it be implemented in the new policy.

There has not been a revision in the University’s alcohol policy in the past fourteen years, and some wonder if the current proposal could signal an even stricter policy in the future.

"It’s a step towards eliminating alcohol, which will destroy residential life," said sophomore Dennis Sullivan.

Many students expressed concern about the fairness of adopting the amendment that would eliminate hard alcohol from residence halls, including students who are over 21.

"I understand where they are coming from, but I don’t think it’s fair to say that even if you are 21 you can’t have hard liquor," said Brinkman.

Dooley said, "It’s the University’s policy and they can do what they want but it is somewhat unfortunate."

According to students, stricter alcohol policies would force more students to leave campus to drink. Many believe that this would create more problems and possibly raise the incidents of alcohol-related accidents as students find their ways back to campus after drinking.

"There should be communication and education instead of restriction," said Martin.

Other students pointed out the discrepancies between the policies on hard alcohol and tailgating.

The letter says, "Students, regardless of age, will not be allowed to possess or consume 'hard' alcohol in undergraduate halls... Undergraduate students who are 21 years of age may host tailgate gatherings in a designated parking lot on home football Saturdays, provided that these gatherings are properly registered."

"I thought that it was really interesting how they changed the tailgating policy to follow state law, but they changed the dorm policy to be further from state law," said Martin.

Sophomore Paul Madrid wondered if the changes mentioned in the tailgating policy were made to placate those who were over 21 but were against the other aspects of the alcohol policy.

"It basically says that we will let you tailgate but hard liquor will not be tolerated," said Madrid.

Many saw the new proposal as detracting from the traditions that exist at Notre Dame. Tailgating and SYRs are the latest traditions that seem to be facing impending extinction such as Sophomore hospitality, weekend and the Graffiti Dance.

Many believe that moving SYRs outside of the dorm would negatively affect the hall atmosphere because of the section or floor unity that it creates through pre-facade-related concerts and decorating.

"Tailgating and SYRs are two major things that make Notre Dame what it is," said sophomore Ani Farach. "It will change the traditional flare of Notre Dame.

All were surprised by these unexpected changes, as student government was not consulted or asked for input.

"I wasn’t angered so much by the loss of alcohol. That students were not involved in the process angered me the most," said Martin.

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two Emmys, Lehrer received the National Humanities Medal in 1999 in addition to a number of other journalistic achievements.

"I was 16-years-old when I decided to write," said Lehrer. "And I’ve been in journalism every day since."

"Jim is a journalist who has a clear understanding of who he is and what his role should be, he doesn’t confuse himself with the story... and that sets him apart," said Terence Smith, the media correspondent and senior producer for "NewsHour" and the son of Red Smith, the late New York Times' journalist.

Red Smith was sportswriter and a 1927 Notre Dame alumnus who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1976 for distinguished criticism. The Smith Lectureship began in 1983 and is administered by the John W. Gallowin Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy and supported by a gift from John and Susan McMeel and Universal Press.

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Captured Afghns not al-Qaida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

It's an example of what has been called the invisible part of the war against terror. American forces swooped down on a suspected al-Qaida or Taliban hide-out, sometimes raiding unoccupied sites, where they collect only intelligence, sometimes taking prisoners. Sometimes the prisoners are nothing more than ordinary Afghans.

Prisoners captured in the latest raid on a suspected Afghan terrorist compound turned out to be neither members of the former ruling Taliban militia nor the al-Qaida terror network, according to the U.S. military.

"Over the last two weeks most of the focus has been in and around Anacoda... our largest offensive." John Rosa, Jr., U.S. general. Officials have given very few details about the operation except to say U.S. forces went into the compound some 40 miles west of Kandahar and detained the 31. The capture came as coalition forces were winding down Operation Anaconda, a 2,000-troop assault to kill or capture al-Qaida and Taliban fighters believed regrouping in eastern Afghanistan.

"Over the last two weeks most of the focus has been in and around Anacoda... our largest offensive," Gen. John Rosa Jr. told reporters Monday.

"But we continue to surveil. We continued our intelligence efforts all through the country," he said. "It's ongoing, and we key indicators make us believe that we needed to go into that compound." Before Anacorda, the last known group operation was on Jan. 23, when U.S. special forces raided a compound where the United States mistakenly believed enemy figures were holed up. The Pentagon has said 16 people turned out not to be al-Qaida or Taliban were killed when they resisted and another 277 were later released to Afghan authorities.

"We have seen little steps but more than the possible in the right direction," he said. "The Tuesday night lecture for the Third Millennium" was sponsored by the Kroc and Kellogg Institutes. Rodriguez is the archbishop of Tegucigalpa and Honduras cardinal. He has served as a Vatican representative on Third World debt to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

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This second in a series of editorials commenting on the proposed alcohol policy changes at Notre Dame.

The University's proposed revisions to clarify the tailgating policy that upset many students last fall are fair policies, but require a two-way commitment— the administration must enforce them reasonably and students must obey them. By creating a policy that mirrors Indiana state law, the University preserves the right of students of legal drinking age to consume alcohol in a responsible manner. While the enforcement of a ban on underage drinking is unpopular, students must understand that these regulations are necessary because the public nature of tailgating makes it inherently different than partying in private.

However, as the University completes the final version of the new alcohol policy, it must clarify several important issues that were not specified in the explanation Father Mark Ponman provided in an in-house wide-e-mail Monday. If students accept responsibility for their behavior in public, the University should respond by acknowledging this maturity and continue to allow undergraduates to attend tailgates sponsored by family and friends of a legal drinking age. Banning underage students from even being present at tailgates would destroy another of Notre Dame's traditions. However, students should be aware that their presence at these tailgates is not a free pass for those underage to blatantly disregard University policy and Indiana law.

The University also needs to clarify the specific regulations surrounding designated parking lots for student tailgaters. Issues involving the details of the registration process required to participate in a tailgate in the banquet and potential division of student versus alumni tailgates remain unresolved.

The University has now shown students respect by clarifying the policy and leaving the responsibilities and privileges associated with Indiana law intact, but student frustrations could continue unless parking and registration permits are made convenient and plentiful. At the tailgazing policy is formalized and written, the administration should involve students in the entire process before students leave campus for the summer.

The best advice, as Mr. Litle pointed out, is for victims to go to the hospital as soon as possible after the assault. The victim should not shower, bathe, urinate, smoke, drink, eat, change or discard clothes. Even if more than three days have passed, the victim should go to a hospital to be examined by a physician if for no other reason than to seek preventive care for possible sexually transmitted diseases. The hospital will assist in referring the victim to the appropriate agency for reporting the assault. At Notre Dame, if any student wants information about any aspect of an assault, she or he may come to me at any time in 101 O'Shaughnessy or call me at 631-7728, a private line to which no one has access but me, set up for response to victims and others.

Ava Preacher
vice president/assistant dean of the College of Arts & Letters

While John Litle's column in the March 5 edition of The Observer enti­
tled, "Blaming victims promotes rape," provides some worthwhile information, it also continues to promote some com­mon misinformation that can be dam­aging to victims of sexual assault. His condemnation of Residence Life proce­dures, based on information that he says "comes directly from someone who has endured RealLife Justice," is hearsay.

Residence Life collects information from both accused and accuser and makes a decision based on accounts and information from them and wit­nesses. While Mr. Litle may believe and dislike what he heard from his infor­mant, he cannot make judgments on the appropriateness of Residence Life decisions without knowing all the infor­mation from both sides of the case. The accuser as well as the accused must be treated with dignity even though the victim often feels re-victimized in such circumstances.

The best thing for friends to do to help victims is not to rail against the system, but to provide more productive emotional support by allowing the vic­tim to express her feelings without judgment and encouraging her to seek counseling from professionals. If the system is flawed, you can best effect change by using the Kori Pienski method of approaching those who head the system to find ways to make posi­tive change. Kori's intervention led to several changes in the hearing process, as well as an emphasis in First Year Orientation on education about rape and the creation of the position I now hold as Victim's Resource Person. My job is precisely to provide information on what a student can do and expect when she decides to go forward with a case in any venue.

I was distressed by Mr. Litle's advice to victims to "bypass Notre Dame at all costs" and report cases directly to the St. Joseph County sheriff. The sheriff's office may not be the appropriate law enforcement agency to contact. Often victims receive much less satisfaction and feel much more frustrated with the legal system than with Residence Life. Notre Dame cases are often unlikely to be prosecuted either in the city or the county for a variety of reasons. RealLife is often the best option for a victim to make sure her attacker gets the mes­sage that his behavior is unacceptable under any circumstance.

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Letters criticize alcohol policy

New standards will not solve drinking problem

This letter is in response to the recent article outlining the new alcohol policy unveiled by Father Mark Poorman. I believe this new policy will produce more harm than good and, in short, is a huge mistake.

When you ban “hard” alcohol in residence halls, even among those students who are 21 years or older, baffles me. First and foremost, why is a distinc­tion being made between hard alcohol and other alcoholic beverages, such as beer and wine? Does the University really have the authority to determine that XYZ kind of alcohol is okay to drink, but ABC is not, especially if the decision makes a 20-something student eligible for punishment? It is my understanding that the University would like to instill the belief every student must make independent deci­sions regarding their lives. This new rule is completely contradictory to this.

As a student at Notre Dame I was faced with situations where I could choose to drink or not, if I chose to do so, I chose what to drink. Every person coming of age is faced with these decisions, and it should be up to each student to make their own choices. The decision to ban in-hall dances, in addition, has absolutely no basis for being included in this alcohol policy. It absolutely saddens me to hear think that my former dorm, Cavanaugh Hall, will no longer host SYRs on-site. In-hall dances are a Notre Dame tradition and a nationwide college tradition, for that matter. Why not, force us to all study in our rooms from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. every night? This micro-managing of the student body is again telling stu­dents that the University has absolutely no say in their lives. If I did not like the new law at Notre Dame, students will begin acting just how the University is treating them — as chil­dren.

I have always defended and supported Notre Dame’s traditional alcohol policy because it has always given us all the responsibility to decide what to drink or not within set boundaries. In fact, it seems to me it has provided many friends to drink-driving acci­dents, I was always incredibly thankful by this legal limit, I would attend Notre Dame, and I know they were not all. If these new policies were to be implemented, my parents would be losing their assurance that their children would be safe on the roads near cam­pus.

There are an endless number of other issues I would like to address regarding this topic, but it would take too long to outline them. I simply ask that Father Poorman re-evaluate these new policies and take a hard look at the recent consequences and decisions that inevitably result from them rather than the idealistic goals behind them.

Kate Coughlin, ’97
March 19, 2002

Community and tradition destroyed by unfair policy

Several weekends ago, I was at a Re­Life job fair hunting for an assistant re­ctor position for next year. Time and time again, potential employers, all employees in the residential life field themselves, praised Notre Dame for our fantastic dorm system. How, they wanted to know, did we manage to keep so many kids on campus and maintain our famous school spirit? Simple, I said, it’s the dorm life. Living in the dorms is fun — they’re like family members.

Recently, Father Poorman and crew, thanks to the bomb you just dropped on the alcohol policy, you can kiss your — I believe this new policy will produce more harm than good and, in short, is a huge mistake.

Strange, you’ve failed to recognize that, for better or for worse, college students like me find alcohol, and Notre Dame is no excep­tion. But instead of implementing programs aimed at responsible drinking, you’ve chosen an all-out ban on hard alcohol and in­dian spirits.

Though I find it sad that Notre Dame stu­dents would leave the dorms simply because of stricter alcohol poli­cies, the truth is that many will. And with them go our cherished and coveted residen­tial system.

The most glaring error in your assessment is that you claim that banning hard alcohol in the dorms is a safer alternative to the current policy. It is safer that stu­dents leave their dorms and drive to bars or off-campus parties? Wasn’t this the reason for the relatively lax alcohol poli­cies in the past? Do you honestly think that students will simply stop drinking? It is my prayer that the Notre Dame commu­nity never has to endure the loss of any one of our own when he or she is killed in an alcohol-related car accident. Schools across the country have not been immune to these tragedies but our alco­hol policies have spared us from this.

Earlier this year, we resident assistants were asked to promote our dorms as alternatives to off-campus parties. It was said that too many of our students, espe­cially freshmen, were getting drunk off-campus and having trouble getting home. Essentially, what you’ve done is taken them out of an environment where a net­work of resident assistants, resident as­sistants, rectors and countless non-intoxi­cated fellow students are able to offer them help if they’ve had too much and left them in one full of equally-intoxicated strangers. That’s safety!

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And why ban both hard alcohol and SYRs? If alcohol is the problem, why aren’t the SYR problems? Isn’t an enough just to get rid of the liquor? I’m thankful I don’t live in Lewis or McGlinn because your SYR ban has left them with no signature events. And what will Alumnae be like without the Wake? As past director and head writer of the Keenan Reveal I faced the pain of having a bar downtown, and I can only imagine how these stu­dents are reacting to the news.

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Above, director Mark Abram-Copenhaver checks Saint Mary's freshman Nicole Hogarty's makeup before the show. To the left, Sarah, played by Saint Mary's junior Erin Schultz, incredulously reads from her script. Below, the phenomenally pretentious Trissotin, played by Holy Cross sophomore Shane Lewis, dazzles the pretentious Armade with a poem.

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

The Saint Mary's campus may have a wrinkle in time this weekend as the Saint Mary's Department of Communication, Dance and Theatre opens its spring 2002 show "The Learned Ladies."

The French playwright Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, better known by his penname Molière, finished "The Learned Ladies" in 1672 after working on the script for four years, which is notable because most of his plays were completed in a matter of months. "The Learned Ladies" was Molière's penultimate play; he completed the farcical "Le Malade Imaginaire" before his death a year later. "The Learned Ladies" is Molière's least performed play, although there has been resurgence in interest since Richard Wilbur's translation of the show began to be produced in 1987. Wilber's translation, which is used by Saint Mary's, rhymes in five-foot iambic pentameter as opposed to the original French that follows the 12-foot Alexandrian meter.

Most of Molière's work was done under the command of King Louis XIV. The king was a deep-pocketed patron of the arts and paid many artists for command performances before his court. It was the king's court that Molière often lampooned in his comedies. Although Louis XIV's sponsorship of Molière may seem philanthropic, his underlying motivation is much more self-serving. By creating an extremely class-conscious society, Louis XIV's nobility busied themselves trying to out-dress and outwit each other instead of scheming to dispose of Trissotin in a matter of months. But he can't get the words out of his mouth. Philaminte informs him that she has chosen one of her "cultured" acquaintances to be Henriette's betrayer: the foppish Trissotin (played by Holy Cross sophomore Shane Lewis). The lovers hatch new schemes to dispose of Trissotin and gain the family's consent in their marriage.

"The Learned Ladies" features some marvelous acting, especially from Baxter whose hysterical facial expressions and razor sharp timing lead to big laughs. Math's over-the-top rendition of the spacey Belise is certain to bring down the house too. Along with Lewis's gives a new-meaning-to-the-word "pompous" performance as Trissotin, the cast of "The Learned Ladies" will have the audience falling out of their seats. As an ensemble, the group's obvious dedication and hard work pays off.

The Saint Mary's production of the show also includes a framing play, which was written by the show's dramatics instructor Renee Kingcaid. The framing play is set at Saint Mary's where the production of "The Learned Ladies" is in full-swing. A student, Sarah (played by Saint Mary's junior Erin Schultz), struggling to learn her lines and trying to come to terms with the meaning of the show, is visited by the ghosts of Molière (played by Notre Dame fifth-year graduate student Troy Feay) and le Tartuffe (played by Notre Dame Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Literature Louis MacKenzie), a.
character from one of Molière's most famous plays of the same name. Molière's phantasm acts as Sarah muse and helps her to understand why the play is not misogynistic even though it is making fun of educated women.

The framing piece over-agonizes the meaning of the play, attempting to explicitly justify the show's role at a women's college. This hyper-sensitivity to the slightest possible of offending the show's role at a women's college.

Molière's words speak for themselves. It is obvious that he was not ridiculing educated women, but rather pretension. The framing piece, in one sense, detracts from Molière's intent of making fun of the very people that were in his audience. Ironically, if one were offended on behalf of Saint Mary's by the lines Moliere uses, he or she would, in fact, be pretentious and rightly ridiculed by the show. At times the framing piece comes close to insulting the audience's intelligence.

The framing piece is, however, well-written and Schultz, Fray and Mackenzie are entertaining in their roles. Although it adds time to the two hour and 15 minute show, the framing piece does elaborate on a few theatrical conventions and philosophical points that the audience would otherwise almost certainly miss. In the end, the framing piece is entertaining to watch with its anachronistic humor, but adds only a moderate amount to the overall show's meaning.

The Saint Mary's production of "The Learned Ladies" strives to recreate the setting in which the play was originally produced. "We wanted to be as historically accurate as we could in the presentation in the show," Kingcaid said.

French, Kingcaid often had to go beyond simple meanings and find out to what Molière may have been subtly referring.

Kingcaid also researched what a 17th century French bourgeois salon looked like and the results are stunningly accurate. The stage looks like something out of a painting.

The director, Mark Abram-Copenhaver, knew from the beginning that the show would be challenging to produce from the acting standpoint as well.

There are so many technical things that have to be dealt with: how to move in the corset, how to move even for the men who aren’t corseted, how you carry your body. And then, once you master the physical life of the characters, it’s important for the actors to start to deal with the fact that the play is in rhyme. Every other line rhymes," Abram-Copenhaver said.

Abram-Copenhaver even brought in a motion coach, junior Adrienne DeCraze, to teach the cast how to carry themselves in the proper 17th century French manner. The women were all required to wear corsets and petticoats from the beginning of the rehearsal process to give them an idea of what (and how uncomfortable) their costumes would be.

Kingcaid taught members of the cast some French so they could recite their lines or catch their cues; as a result, the ensemble has impeccable French accents.

"It's been difficult, but it's been a good experience because you learn so much," Conticelli said.

"The Learned Ladies" opens tomorrow night and runs through Saturday night at 8 p.m., there will be a matinee on both Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The show will be performed in the Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall. General Admission is $8.50, $7.50 for senior citizens, $6.50 for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community members and $5.50 for students. Tickets can be purchased from the Saint Mary's Box Office in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. To make reservations call the box office at (574) 284-4626.

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Scene previews “A Night on Broadway” revue

By CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
Senior Theater Critic

Every February, an article appears in this newspaper touting the unending talent and innovation of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMC). This year was no exception as the members of PEMC wowed sold-out crowds on three successive nights with their production of “Damn Yankees.”

Last year, Notre Dame students’ appetites for musical theater was wetted on more than just the PEMC musical by the Farley Hall Players production of “Chance at Love.” The musical, which poked fun at musical theater itself, was the product of a capricious LaFortune combination between seniors Ryan Cunningham and Tommy Curtin during their freshman year.

“Chance at Love” was such a hit during its two-night debut in the LaFortune Ballroom that the cast, composed of members from PEMC, gave an encore performance in Washington Hall during study days and even took the show on a national tour this past summer.

Now, the PEMC members are at it again, performing the PEMC Musical Revue this Thursday and Friday in the LaFortune Ballroom. Titled “A Night on Broadway,” the revue includes songs from popular musicals such as Rent, Jesus Christ Superstar, Jekyll & Hyde and even the summer blockbuster movie musical Moulin Rouge.

The Revue was the brainchild of senior Zack Linnert. Actually, Linnert’s original plan was to implement a cabaret-style performance where the stage barrier would be broken and the PEMC performers could interact intimately with their audience. The original idea combined with the input of PEMC producer Sean Griffin while Linnert studied abroad in London last semester lead to the concept of a musical revue.

Linnert and Griffin’s main concern for the Revue was that there be an opportunity for normally unassuming chorus members to stand out. As Linnert stated, “The great thing about the Revue is that everyone is a lead person has the opportunity to stand in the spotlight.” In fact only 3 of the 25 company members have previously held leads in any PEMC production.

To help them in their task of choosing and directing the acts, Linnert and Griffin selected senior Tommy Curtin and sophomore Shawna Monson as music director and choreographer respectively. The group held auditions during late February and left the choices of songs solely up to the company members. Linnert and Griffin felt that not only should the company members be in the spotlight, but also they should perform what they wanted to perform. And the interested parties responded amazingly.

“After we saw the first audition, we knew the show would be amazing,” Linnert proclaimed. While this may have made the initial task of casting the show slightly difficult, said Griffin, it proved beneficial in the end.

“The show is so saturated with talent that our job consisted only of tweaking here and adding there,” he said. “It has been amazing to work with such dedicated and gifted performers.”

The selected songs range from solo acts to whole company numbers and are arranged into vignettes by similar themes and aspects of relationships/friendships, such as songs about love and desire or about jealousy and regret. While each particular song is marvelous in its own fashion, there are a few notable acts that seem to summarize the overall nature of the Revue.

Freshman Erin Sjostrom was only a freshman in Summer Blockbuster movie musical Cabaret. Opposing simple childhood memories is the song “Bring on the Men” from Jekyll & Hyde, performed by freshman Beth Duran. Junior Kristin Kajdzik and sophomore Lindsey Horvath, Claire McAuliffe and April Trimbile support her in both vocals and dance.

This sexy number addresses Duran’s character’s lust for men and how she cannot get enough of them. “Bring on the Men” should easily impress audience members with its display of vocal and dance talent.

The Revue’s musical this year, Sophomore Mike Romano also deserves this distinction as he performs “Take That Away From Me” from Crazy For You and yet has also never been part of PEMC. The Revue features the vocal talents of Kajdzik and sophomore Becki Dowling, two PEMC members who until now have only worked behind the scenes.

The versatility of the Revue performers is easily demonstrated by Horvath. A backup vocalist and, as an example of their vocal range, in “Bring on the Men” she then appears in “Take Me or Leave Me.” From Rent opposite junior Mary Beth Amussen as a brazen young diva proclaiming how lucky her female partner is to date her. Only a few songs later she returns, attempting to convince the man she loves (played by senior Christopher Scott) to “Forget regret / Or life is yours to miss” in “Another Day.” Also from Rent. Finally she performs as a woman hoping that this time she will have found the right man in “Maybe This Time” from the musical Cabaret.

“A Night on Broadway” breaches the realms of hilarity as well. Sophomore Katie Welch and freshman Theresa Sherman perform “Step in Time” from Cinderella demonstrating the sisters constant attempt to put Cinderella down while competing with each other in everything. The song “Big Ass Rock” from the Full Monty depicts the wide-reaching capacities of friendship. Scott and freshman Brian Grundy play two friends who encounter a former co-worker (freshman KC Kenney) attempting suicide and befriend him in his time of need.

Piecing together this production from nothing has been a grueling process for the director duo, their musical director and choreographer. However they all believe that “A Night on Broadway” will be a spectacular show for the company members performing in it and the 500 audience members who have the opportunity to experience the first annual Revue this week.

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CLEVELAND

Lamond Murray stirred a despondent 3-pointer from the corner as time expired to give the Cleveland Cavaliers a 107-105 win over the New Jersey Nets.

Coming out of a timeout with 0.5 seconds left, Murray took an inbound pass from Andre Miller, turned and shot. Nets coach Byron Scott went to cen­ ter court to argue with officials that the clock did not start soon enough.

Keith Van Horn had tied the score at 97 with a 3-pointer moments earlier after taking an inbound pass from Jason Kidd, who scored 30 points but missed a forced jumper with five seconds to play that would have put his team ahead.

Kidd, who also had 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his eighth triple-double this sea­ son, slapped the ball away from Andre Miller with 23 seconds left to set up the attempt.

Wesley Person got the rebound, Kidd's miss, and fouled and made two free throws for a 97-94 lead.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored a season-high 26 points and dominated the fourth quarter. The 7-foot-3 center also had a season-high 14 rebounds and went 14-of-17 on free throws in his best game since returning Dec. 4 from surgery that ended his season early a year ago.

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Miller had 13 points and 11 assists in the first half, which ended in a 52-52 tie.

76ers 91, Heat 79

Allen Iverson scored 33 points, including 21 in the sec­ ond half, to lead Philadelphia to a 91-79 victory over Miami.

Iverson, who started the game 1-of-7, finished 11-of-22 to help the Sixers snap a two­ game losing streak and remain 1 1/2 games behind Orlando for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Heat, coming off their most lopsided win of the season Saturday against Denver, lost for only the third time in 10 games and fell two games behind the Hornets for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The teams were playing for the first time in back-to-back games, with a second meeting on Wednesday in Philadelphia.

The Sixers are 3-0 at home against the Heat this season, and Iverson has scored 25, 31, and 33 points while shooting 33 percent.

After trailing 45-41 at half­ time, Philadelphia closed the third quarter with a 5-2 run over the final 1 1/2 minutes to take a 66-60 lead. Iverson scored 11 points, including a free-throw put that the Sixers ahead 61-60 with 44 seconds left in the period.

Alonzo Mourning helped keep the Heat close in the fourth with 11 points, and Eddie Jones' layup closed the gap to 74-72 with 7:01 left.

Iverson then hit a pair of 3­ pointers, the second one pro­ ducing an 11 point run and Edwards' 13 points.

Jason Williams added 18 points and six assists before going on the scoreless streak that gave the Knicks the lead for good.

The Cleveland Cavaliers celebrate after Lamond Murray's 3-pointer with a half-second left in reg­ ulation to give his team a 100-97 victory over the Nets.

Veteran Robert Pack, signed to a 10­day contract Monday as a backup to Chauncey Billups, had 12 points and five assists in his first game with the Timberwolves — and his first game against the Knicks.

Pack, who finished last sea­ son with Denver, gave Wally Szczerbiak an assist on his first possession and hit a long jumper the next trip up the floor.

The Raptors collapsed in the third period. They shot 3-for­­18 and were outscored 24-10 — the second­lowest scoring quarter in their seven­year his­ tory.

Antonio Davis put up an air­ ball midway through the peri­ od, and Billups hit a 3-pointer on the other end to extend Minnesota's lead to 12. Later, Peterson hit Vince Carter in the back with a poorly timed pass.

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NBA

Nets snagged by Murray's last-second shot

Memphis went on a 14-3 run to open the third quarter to build its first double-digit lead, 65-55. The Grizzlies shot 72 percent in the quarter, missing only five of 18 shots, and car­ ried a 76-68 lead into the fourth.

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Timberwolves 112, Raptors 80

Minnesota ended its season­high seven-game losing streak and kept Toronto in a miser­ able slump, getting 20 points from Kevin Garnett in a 112-80 victory.

Toronto, which has won just one game since Feb. 7, lost for the 17th time in 18 tries and had its most lopsided defeat of the season.

Morris Peterson had 19 points and Kevin Clark had 18 for the Raptors, who were 29­ 21 and in prime position for the playoff spots before their slide. They've fallen to 11th place in the -

Rasho Nesterovic had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota, which had seven players score in double digits.

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A pro-AIDS group plans to land a hot air balloon in front of the 10-year-old's house as a protest.
NHL

13-year-old dies after being hit by hockey puck

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Seconds after being hit by a puck as she watched an NHL game, 13-year-old Britannie Cecil held a jacket to her head to staunch the bleeding and walked to an exit.

Two days later she was dead, the first such fan fatality and one of the few at an American sports event, other than auto racing, directly related to action on the field.

An eighth grader at Twin Valley South Middle School near Dayton, Britannie would have turned 14 on Wednesday. Her father had taken her to the game as an early present, friends said.

The girl was struck in the head by a shot early in the second period of Saturday night's game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames at Nationwide Arena. Columbus center Espen Knutsen's slap shot from the top of the left circle appeared to be deflected by a defenseman, with the puck flying over the high glass at the west end of the ice. It appeared to glance off another spectator and hit the teen in the left temple, witnesses said.

Arena officials and medical personnel immediately approached the girl and helped her out of her seat — some 15 rows above the ice — and up the steps to the exit.

Hospital officials would not discuss the cause of her death Monday night and relatives declined comment. Her classmates were in mourning and the small town where she lived was overcome by the loss. "I spoke to Britannie's father this morning," Blue Jackets president and general manager Doug MacLean said, teary eyed and his voice choking. "As a father of a 14-year-old and an 11-year-old, I can't imagine the grief the family is experiencing."

In a statement, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said, "Our fans are our family, and this tragic accident fills us all with a deep sense of sorrow."

Children's Hospital confirmed the girl had died but at the family's request did not provide additional information about how long she had been in the hospital or the nature of her injury. An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday morning.

A brief news release issued by the hospital said the girl's parents had donated her organs "in the hope that others will be blessed as much as they were by her life."

Dr. James Kelly of the Chicago Neurological Institute said he could not offer an opinion on the cause of death based on the little he knew about the case. "Delayed death is not unheard of from a head injury," Kelly said. "But there are so many reasons that it could happen."

The small farming town of almost 1,500 where Britannie lived, West Alexandria, was in shock. "Everybody knows everybody. The kids are very close in this town," said Stacy Habekost, who runs a beauty shop. She said the girl's aunt used to work at the salon and that Britannie had her hair cut there. "She's a pretty little girl," Habekost said.

An honor student and member of the school soccer team, Britannie was remembered as a hard worker who also loved to shop. Her friends on the team chose to go ahead with a practice on a rainy day, kicking the ball around a field near the school. "It's a miserable day," coach Bill Deleranko said. "I figure that God's crying along with us."

Teammate Kari Summers said many students were having a difficult time coping with the loss. "It was just so much fun to be around her," she said. "She was so happy all the time. You never saw her in a sad moment."

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Irish struggle at El Diablo

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

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Ferraro leads Blues past Predators

Ray Ferraro gave himself as much of a lift as his new team. Ferraro had a goal and an assist in the final two minutes of his first game with the St. Louis Blues, helping turn a tight contest into a 5-1 blowout over the Nashville Predators on Tuesday night.

The goal was only his ninth of the season, after totaling 29 last season, and his first since Feb. 8.

"I got here today, so whatever was before I'm trying to erase that from my memory, along with all the stats that went with it," Ferraro said. "As much as I liked Atlanta and as much as the people were great to me, I really look at this as a fresh start."

Ferraro, acquired Monday from the Thrashers for a fourth-round draft pick, and coach Joel Quenneville were teammates on the Hartford Whalers in the early 1980s. Quenneville caught himself using Ferraro's old nickname, "Pee Wee," a couple of times on the bench.

"We were teammate-friends and we got along pretty well, but it's a different way of life here," Quenneville said. "I think he's ready to help the team and be one of the guys."

Scott Mellanby and Pavol Demitra scored in a 2:16 span of the second period as the Blues recovered from a sluggish start and an early deficit.

Keith Tkachuk had two assists for the Blues, who have won three of four after a seven-game winless slump endangered their playoff hopes. They have 79 points, sixth in the Western Conference, but three teams are within three points.

"We got the job done," Quenneville said. "But we've got to be better than that."

Brent Johnson made his eighth straight start for St. Louis and made 25 saves. The Blues gave Johnson a vote of confidence, electing not to shop for a veteran goalie before Tuesday's trade deadline.

Sabres 5, Senators 1

Chris Gratton got the vote of confidence he wanted when the Buffalo Sabres kept him at NHL trade deadline.

Gratton returned the favor a few hours later, scoring the eventual game-winner and adding two assists in a victory over the Ottawa Senators.

"The rumors and stuff, hopefully, they're forgotten and now we can settle down, hunker in here and really focus on making these playoffs," Gratton said. "It's a big relief, and now we can settle down, hunker in here and really focus on making these playoffs."

For Gratton it was his first three-point regular-season performance since joining the Sabres in a trade deadline-day deal from Tampa Bay two years ago. And it came at a crucial time with Buffalo playing its first game without captain — and second-leading scorer — Stu Barnes, who will miss about two weeks because of a concussion.

Miroslav Satan, Brian Campbell, Ales Kotalik and Curtis Brown, with a short-handed goal, also scored for the Sabres. Martin Biron stopped 33 shots, ending an 0-2-1 skid.

Buffalo moved into a tie for ninth with the New York Rangers, and inched within two points of eighth-place Montreal in the Eastern Conference.

"Obviously, it's an opportunity lost, but we can't get caught too far ahead," Alfredsson said. "We're playing some hungry teams, but we're pretty hungry, too. Today it was a matter of getting the bounces. They got up early, and we had to go for it coming from behind."
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be tighter. The Irish did just that by allowing only two goals all half, and by getting start-
ed on the offensive end with Big Offensive Player of the Week Danielle Shearer. The junior midfielder scored a goal 30 seconds into the second half on a play that found the net by way of two quick passes from Natalie Loftus and Eleanor Weille. The goal narrowed the Irish deficit to 8-5. Cornell answered again with a free position goal to increase their lead back to four. The Irish continued to pres-
sure offensively and were sparked by Kassen Delano’s return to the field. Delano had taken a stick to the head on a defensive play and was forced to the bench to deal with the cut on her forehead. The sophomore would not be slowed, how-
ever, and set up classmate Meredith Henwood on a transition goal to cut the Cornell lead back to three. Shearer scored again and added another goal off a full-field charge from senior Maureen Henwood. Delano, despite the injury, led the Irish in points. Her goal cut the Cornell lead to 9-8. The Irish continued to push offensively, but could not con-
nect for the tying goal. Jamiee Reynolds gave Cornell a bit more room with a goal with seven minutes to play in the game. The game then turned extremely scrappy as both teams were playing with great intensity. “We had them scared,” said Fedarcyk. The Irish could not find the

net until Lauren Fischer con-
verted her second goal with 15 seconds to play. Captain Kathryn Lam forced a turnover to give the Irish one last chance but her pass was knocked out of Kate Marotta’s stick as time expired. “If we had a couple more minutes on the clock, we had them beat,” said McCa
dell. “We could def-
initely play with them and we know that going into the rest of the sea-
son that we can play with top ten competition.” Notre Dame lined up against a much larger and high-
ranked Big Red team. One of the more exciting matchups of the day was between Fedarcyk and Cornell’s senior All-
American, Jamiee Reynolds, who was four inches taller than Fedarcyk, Notre Dame’s tallest defender. Reynolds was the target of every single draw, and would constantly switch from the offensive to the defensive end. But Fedarcyk refused to give their star player any open looks and hustled con-
stantly to keep position on her. “I was just trying to take her out of her game,” said Fedarcyk. Despite the tough loss, the Irish plan to focus on the positive aspects that came from a solid second half where they both outplayed and outscored Cornell 6-2. “We are going to focus on the good things that happened today. We learned a lot about ourselves.” Tina Fedarcyk Irish defender

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Belles tennis hang with competition

By KATIE McVOY

The competition was very good son and move towards another wins against Springfield College, some injuries had caught up Saint Cloud State. But withials, the defending MIAA Division II teams. But with seven matches under their belts, the defending MIAA champion Belles are ready to start the regular season.
The team is strong this year and is aiming to defend their undefeated season and conference championship title. The team was exhausted and some injuries had caught up with us," said head coach Dee Stevenson. "Otherwise, I feel that we would have won the match against Saint Cloud State. The competition was very good and better than any other spring trip since I have been here."
The Belles dropped matches to Division I Creighton and Division II North Dakota and Saint Cloud State. But with seven matches under their belts, the defending MIAA champion Belles are ready to start the regular season.
"The team is ready for the season to begin," said sophomore Kris Spriggle. "After such an aggressive spring trip, we are all ready to begin the season and move towards another conference title."
Saint Mary's took home four wins against Springfield College, Haverford College, Hillsborough Community College and Pasco-Hernando Community College. "The competition was more than interesting this year," junior Elisa Ryan said. "We played Division III teams with nationally ranked players, as well as solid Division I and Division II teams."
The Belles, who finished with a 4-3 record during their spring break trip, finished off the trip with a heart-breaking loss to Saint Cloud State, 4-5, coming close on the heels of a 4-5 loss to North Dakota. Following the singles match, Saint Mary's was tied at three apiece with North Dakota. But a close loss in No. 3 doubles (8-6) and a loss in No. 2 doubles left North Dakota with the 3-4 victory.
Sophomore Jeanie Knish, sophomore Kaillin Cutler and Ryan took home wins in No. 2 singles, No. 3 singles and No. 5 singles respectively. Knish teamed up with her older sister Annie to take home the win in No. 1 doubles.
Before falling 9-0 to Division I Creighton, the Belles had solid victories against Haverford College (6-3) and Springfield College (9-0).
The Belles followed up their 9-0 shut-out of Springfield with a 6-3 victory against Hillsborough.
In the match against Hillsborough, Cutler, Spriggle, Ryan and Angela Sandner took home wins in singles while the doubles teams of Ryan and Cutler and Sandner and Spriggle took home wins in doubles.
Today, the Belles will face off against Tri-State College in their home opener. Tri-State, which will be joining the MIAA in the near future, should allow Saint Mary's to get some hitting practice before they head into the tough part of the MIAA schedule. Last season, Tri-State barely slipped past Saint Mary's JV squad, so Stevenson plans on playing some of his younger players. "Tri-State will be joining our conference in a couple of years but at the moment would not be in the upper echelon of the conference in tennis," Stevenson said. "I hope to allow a lot of players to play in this match. We will use this as a practice match in preparation for the conference season which begins on Saturday at Albion."
With another MIAA championship looming in the minds of the returning players, the Belles are looking forward to getting back into regular season play. "The team is strong this year and is aiming to defend their undefeated season and conference championship title," Ryan said. The match will get under way at Saint Mary's at 3 p.m.
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WNBA Ruth Riley selected to Senior Nationals

Special to The Observer

Former Notre Dame All-America center and 2001 Nalsmith Player of the Year Ruth Riley has been chosen to participate in the 2002 USA Basketball Senior Women's National Team spring training camps, which will be held from March 19 to April 10 in four cities across the country. Riley, who currently plays for the Miami Sol in the WNBA, will be competing for one of seven roster spots on the 2002 USA World Championship Team. The 14th FIBA World Championship for Women will feature teams from 16 nations competing in nine cities in the People's Republic of China from Sept. 14 to 25.
Riley completed her Notre Dame career last April as one of the most decorated players in school history. In addition to earning consensus national player of the year honors last year, she was a three-time All-America selection and was named the Most Outstanding Player at the 2001 NCAA Final Four, sparking the Irish to their first national championship.
She also was the 2001 Big East Player of the Year, a three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year and a three-time all-Big East selection. She is the only player in school history to log both 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds, placing third on the Irish all-time scoring chart with 2,072 points and tops on the Notre Dame career rebounding ledger with 1,007 caroms.
As the No. 5 overall pick in the 2001 WNBA Draft, Riley averaged 6.3 points and 4.1 rebounds per game for the Sol, and ranked ninth in the league with 1.44 blocks per game. In addition, Miami was 15-5 with the Mary, indie native in the starting lineup, qualifying for the play-offs in just its second year of existence.
If she is selected for the '02 World Championship squad, Riley would join her third USA Basketball unit. In 1998, she averaged 10.3 ppg. and a team-high 7.6 rpg. as a member of the USA Select Team that posted a 7-1 record against national teams from Puerto Rico, Poland and Spain. The following summer, she helped the United States collect a silver medal at the 1999 World University Games, notching 10.3 ppg. and 5.2 rpg.
An Irish tennis player returns a shot in a Feb. 17 match against Wisconsin. Notre Dame advanced to the finals of the recent Blue-Gray Invitational before falling to No. 8 Illinois.

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team learned two important lessons at the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic held in Montgomery, Ala., over spring break.

First, it is important to watch for dehydration, even in winter, in the South. Second, going from underdog to favorite status is not always advantageous.

Fourth-ranked Notre Dame fell to eighth-ranked Illinois 4-2 in the finals of the Blue-Gray Invitational after defeating lower seeds Tulsa, Alabama-Birmingham and Harvard to advance to the championship round.

In past years, the Irish have been perceived as an underdog coming into this nationally esteemed tournament, but after last year’s victory and this season’s high ranking and a 15-3 record, Notre Dame was clearly the team to beat in Montgomery.

“We expected a very tough evil,” said senior Javier Taborga who excelled individually during the course of the tournament, including a win over No. 9 singles player Amer Delic of Illinois, by scores of 1-6, 6-4 and 7-5. After finishing 4-0 in singles over the weekend, he was named the tournament’s most valuable player.

“We’re ranked very high in the nation and I think a lot of teams wanted to get the chance to play against top ten teams,” Taborga said. “In the past we were the underdogs, and this year it’s the opposite. A lot of teams are looking to beat us whenever they get the chance. Blue-Gray was a great chance for us. It was really hard for us. Although (Illinois) were ranked lower than we were, we had to play really, really well to beat them.”

Notre Dame’s toughest match before Sunday’s loss was a close bout with Harvard, ranked No. 40 nationally. The Irish narrowly won 4-3 and it was evident that the Crimson were looking for an upset.

“We knew that there were a lot of dangerous teams that were underestimated, but I don’t think we expected as tough as a match as we had against Harvard,” said sophomore Matt Scott.

Although the Irish had upset the Illini two weeks ago at Illinois, they were not expecting it to be easy to defeat them again to earn the Blue-Gray title for the second year in a row. Additionally, Notre Dame was without its No. 3 singles player, Aaron Talarico, who had to be hospitalized Saturday after suffering dehydration.

“We knew that we would have to play at a very high level (to beat Illinois),” Taborga said. “They were really disappointed with their performance. We came out strong (11 days ago) and played maybe the best match we have played during my four years here.”

The Irish started off the final round against Illinois with Taboraga and senior Casey Smith’s doubles loss to Amer Delic and Michael Calkins, 7-6, 6-1. Taborga and Smith had defeated the same duo playing the match at Illinois.

According to Taborga, losing the doubles point was the turning point of the match because it gave Illinois more confidence to add to their already-present desire for revenge.

“That is one of the biggest things we have to work on, trying to come out strong after losing the doubles point because we cannot win the doubles point every single time,” he said.

Taborga and Scott achieved the only Irish singles victories on Sunday. Scott, who moved up to the No. 4 position after Talarico was taken out, defeated Michael Costa 6-4, 7-5.

“Beating Costa was a good win,” said Scott. “He’s their firepower, their leader who screams and shouts and gets in your face, so it was good to beat him.”

This was Notre Dame’s first official outdoor tournament and the Irish had some trouble making the transition from indoor to outdoor play. Talarico’s sickness may have been a result of that, especially with the very hot conditions in Alabama.

“Going from indoors to outdoors is one of the more difficult things to do in tennis,” Scott said. “Going against Illinois without Aaron, we knew that we were a bit hurt in the line-up.”

“Going outdoors was a big change,” Taborga said. “We had to try to save as much energy as we can.”

Taborga thought Talarico’s dehydration was surprising though.

“He’s in better shape than the rest of the team,” Taborga said. “Despite Notre Dame’s current ranking, the Irish are not complacent.

“I think (the tournament) was a big eye-opener,” said Taborga. “This is an opportunity to participate in an informal community night, an essential component of the HCA experience. Join us for part or all of the evening. Hope to see you there. Please call 1-9930 with questions!

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Men’s Tennis
Illinois knocks off No. 4 Notre Dame in finals

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

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“We expected a very tough evil,” said senior Javier Taborga who excelled individually during the course of the tournament, including a win over No. 9 singles player Amer Delic of Illinois, by scores of 1-6, 6-4 and 7-5. After finishing 4-0 in singles over the weekend, he was named the tournament’s most valuable player.

“We’re ranked very high in the nation and I think a lot of teams wanted to get the chance to play against top ten teams,” Taborga said. “In the past we were the underdogs, and this year it’s the opposite. A lot of teams are looking to beat us whenever they get the chance. Blue-Gray was a great chance for us. It was really hard for us. Although (Illinois) were ranked lower than we were, we had to play really, really well to beat them.”

Notre Dame’s toughest match before Sunday’s loss was a close bout with Harvard, ranked No. 40 nationally. The Irish narrowly won 4-3 and it was evident that the Crimson were looking for an upset.

“We knew that there were a lot of dangerous teams that were underestimated, but I don’t think we expected as tough as a match as we had against Harvard,” said sophomore Matt Scott.

Although the Irish had upset the Illini two weeks ago at Illinois, they were not expecting it to be easy to defeat them again to earn the Blue-Gray title for the second year in a row. Additionally, Notre Dame was without its No. 3 singles player, Aaron Talarico, who had to be hospitalized Saturday after suffering dehydration.

“We knew that we would have to play at a very high level (to beat Illinois),” Taborga said. “They were really disappointed with their performance. We came out strong (11 days ago) and played maybe the best match we have played during my four years here.”

The Irish started off the final round against Illinois with Taboraga and senior Casey Smith’s doubles loss to Amer Delic and Michael Calkins, 7-6, 6-1. Taborga and Smith had defeated the same duo playing the match at Illinois.

According to Taborga, losing the doubles point was the turning point of the match because it gave Illinois more confidence to add to their already-present desire for revenge.

“That is one of the biggest things we have to work on, trying to come out strong after losing the doubles point because we cannot win the doubles point every single time,” he said.

Taborga and Scott achieved the only Irish singles victories on Sunday. Scott, who moved up to the No. 4 position after Talarico was taken out, defeated Michael Costa 6-4, 7-5.

“Beating Costa was a good win,” said Scott. “He’s their firepower, their leader who screams and shouts and gets in your face, so it was good to beat him.”

This was Notre Dame’s first official outdoor tournament and the Irish had some trouble making the transition from indoor to outdoor play. Talarico’s sickness may have been a result of that, especially with the very hot conditions in Alabama.

“Going from indoors to outdoors is one of the more difficult things to do in tennis,” Scott said. “Going against Illinois without Aaron, we knew that we were a bit hurt in the line-up.”

“Going outdoors was a big change,” Taborga said. “We had to try to save as much energy as we can.”

Taborga thought Talarico’s dehydration was surprising though.

“He’s in better shape than the rest of the team,” Taborga said. “Despite Notre Dame’s current ranking, the Irish are not complacent.

“I think (the tournament) was a big eye-opener,” said Taborga. “This is an opportunity to participate in an informal community night, an essential component of the HCA experience. Join us for part or all of the evening. Hope to see you there. Please call 1-9930 with questions!

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Unfortunately for Notre Dame, they could not keep their momentum against Texas Pan-American. In that game, the Irish left the bases loaded in the ninth inning, en route to losing to Texas Pan-American 6-5. In the final game of the tournament the Irish suffered another close loss, this time to the hands of Creighton 6-5.

"Already after a few days, it was a stressful weekend," said Mainieri. "I thought against Creighton we really felt the effects of the emotional draining of the first three days," said Mainieri.

Heading into the second leg of their spring break stint in San Antonio at the Irish Baseball Classic, Notre Dame was determined to improve on their 5-6 record.

In the first game, they avenged their earlier loss to Creighton by beating the Bluejays 6-2. After missing the previous nine games due to a shoulder injury, preseason All-American junior Brian Stavisky hit a home run on the first pitch he saw. He also added a triple later in the game. Freshman John Axford went seven strong innings, giving up no earned runs, striking out six and allowing zero walks.

"[Axford] topped out at 94 mph and just had a really powerful performance," said Mainieri. The Irish came back strong against Southern Illinois in their next game and snapped the Salukis eight game winning streak by nabbing a 6-3 victory. Freshman Grant Johnson went eight innings, yielding only five hits and no earned runs. Johnson’s classmate, Macri, hit his first collegiate home run and added a triple to lead the effort for the Irish offense.

Despite their tendency to lose close games earlier in the season, the Irish defeated Arkansas Little-Rock 7-5 when sophomore Joe Thaman blasted a two-run home run to end the game. Stavisky also connected for his second and third home runs of the season as the Irish improved to 8-6. Freshman pitcher Chris Niesel contributed another solid outing on the mound going seven innings and allowing only one earned run.

"That was a wild game but it was a good win to give us three in a row," said Mainieri.

In the finale of the spring break trip, Notre Dame used a late-run rally to upset Southern Illinois for the second time this season. Stanley tied the game with a triple in the eighth before scoring on a Paul O'Toole single. Pete O'Givlie pitched the final three innings for his second win of the year.

In Mainieri’s many years of coaching, he has never seen a team face so many early season obstacles.

"Clearly, right now we have battled as much adversity in an early part of a season as you could face in an entire year. We have lost our top three middle infielders in Macri, [Steve] Sollman and Matt Edwards. I’m not sure how many teams in the country can lose their top three middle infielders and still battle the way we are."

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON


Happy Birthday: Focus on what it is you want to accomplish this year. If you allow yourself to get dragged into situations that really aren’t your responsibility you won’t get the opportunity to follow your dreams. Put yourself first for a change and see how much you can achieve. June numbers 3, 9, 5, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A sense of shared responsibility during the week will help you to draw strength from your friends and do the needful for your partner. Make new friends today. Take part in whatever activities you come across.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make professional changes today that will lead to all sorts of new possibilities. You will see the light at the end of your tunnel today. Focus on making personal changes now. You will make your settlings for the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be a little sensitive today if things don’t go according to plan. Take time out to do things for yourself. Focus on making personal changes now. You will make your settling for the week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make some great professional changes today if you commit yourself to investments, property purchases and financial venture. You can turn your time into a money-making machine. OOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your strong sense of ego and your ability to take charge should enable you to take a position of leadership in groups in which you get involved. You can start a new friendship that can lead to a business partnership. OOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don’t set obstacles stand in your path or way. You should be able to outmaneuver any situation you face.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will enjoy meeting interesting individuals who have something worthwhile talking about. You will understand yourself better by listening to those who already know what they want out of life. Take advantage of the opportunities presented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may want to firm up on some solid investments that will help you feel more secure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not wish to face emotional issues today so it is best to avoid anyone who may just want to bring you into a corner. It may be a mistake or a time for you and a partner who wants to get you to focus on your spirituality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can get along professionally and financially if you push your ideal forward. You will get the help you need if you simply ask for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have a great feeling for your life and your actions today. Don’t let someone confuse you try to lead you astray. You know in your heart what it is that you want to accomplish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may have a problem with someone you get to do. Let him be less disruptive when you know where you stand and how you feel. If you get trapped in the open it will be much easier for everyone concerned.

Birthday Baby: You are truly an individual, extremely intelligent and always eager to learn new things. You manage yourself well and like the thought of a challenge and insight. You are forever trying to do too much.


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Irish sophomore Kate Marotta attempts to elude a Cornell defender in Tuesday's action. The 15th-ranked Irish dropped a tough one-goal loss to No. 10 Cornell, 10-9.

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